## **Preparing for Town Meeting**

There are a variety of ways Town Meeting members and the public can learn about the articles for Fall Special Town Meeting, which begins on Monday, November 4, 2013.

Attend or View the Warrant Review – The Warrant Review was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 and televised by Amherst Media. It will be rebroadcast several times on Channel 17 as well as being available to view on your computer "On Demand". Visit www.amherstmedia.org for more information.

**Mailings from Town Hall** – Be sure to read these materials <u>before</u> Town Meeting. The second packet of materials will be mailed to all Town Meeting members near the end of the month.



Attend or View Select Board, Finance Committee, and Planning Board Meetings – Discussions and recommendations on upcoming warrant articles are made during the month before Town Meeting. The meetings are broadcast on Amherst Media Channel 17 as well as "On Demand".

**Bus Tour** – We have not scheduled a bus tour this fall since the warrant does not contain many articles that are site specific. We will provide bus tours as needed in the future.

**Precinct Meetings** – At a Precinct Meeting, Town Meeting members and the public gather to learn about and discuss the articles to be decided at Town Meeting. This is a good way to get to know your Town Meeting representatives. You can attend any of the Precinct Meetings regardless of where you live in town. TM members should bring their copies of the warrant and other article information they receive in the mailings. The Precinct Meetings will be held at the following times:

- October 22, 2013, 7:00 pm, Middle School Bridges Room Precincts 2 & 9
- October 23, 2013, 7:00 pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church Parlor, 867 North Pleasant Street – Precincts 1 & 3
- October 28, 2013, 7:00 pm, Police Station Community Room Precincts 5 & 6
- October 29, 2013, 7:00 pm, Crocker Farm School Library Precincts 7 & 8
- November 2, 2013, 3:00 pm, Police Station Community Room Precincts 4 & 10

For more information visit www.amherstma.gov/precinctmeetings.

New! Zoning Question & Answer Forum – Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 pm in the Town Room at Town Hall. We will have a brief overview of zoning in general and hear about specifics of upcoming zoning articles that will be decided at Fall Special Town Meeting. We welcome written & spoken questions before and during the forum. If you like, you can email questions ahead of time to <a href="mailto:townmeeting@amherstma.gov">townmeeting@amherstma.gov</a>. (Brownies will be served!)

**TMCC Mentor Program** – If you would like to talk informally with or email questions to an experienced Town Meeting member, feel free to participate in our Mentor Program. If interested, send an email with your contact information to <a href="mailto:TownMeeting@amherstma.gov">TownMeeting@amherstma.gov</a>.

**2013 Fall Special Town Meeting begins on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:00pm** in the Middle School Auditorium. Additional sessions, if needed, are reserved for **November 6, 13, 18, and 25**.

**TMCC Listserv and Amherst Town Meeting Discussion Group** – Town Meeting members can join either or both of these groups by sending and email with their <u>name</u>, <u>precinct</u> and <u>contact information</u> to <u>TownMeeting@amherstma.gov</u>. The **TMCC Listserv** is a one-way listserv for announcements and motion sheets. The **TM Discussion Group** is a place where Town Meeting related topics are discussed via email.

Email us your questions and suggestions at TownMeeting@amherstma.gov.